

# Waata

The **Waata** (Waat, Watha), or **Sanye**, are an Oromo-speaking people of Kenya and former hunter-gatherers. They share the name *Sanye* with the neighboring Dahalo.

The current language of the Waata may be a dialect of Orma or otherwise Southern Oromo. However, there is evidence that they may have shifted from a Southern Cushitic language, a group that includes Dahalo.<sup>[3]</sup>

## See also

- Degere

## External links

- www.watha.org (<http://www.watha.org/>)

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Waata	
Sanye	
Native to	Kenya
Region	Lamu District, Tana River
Native speakers	13,000 (2009 census) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Cushitic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Lowland East<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Oromoid<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Oromo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Southern Oromo?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Waata</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ssn
Glottolog	waat1238 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/waat1238">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/waat1238</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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